

Provisional Vital Statistics for March 2018

Live Births decreased slightly in March as 6,000 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,011 born one year earlier. However, cumulative births for the 3-month period increased while births for the 12 months ending with March decreased. For January-March, births increased from 17,321 to 17,506.

Deaths decreased slightly in March as 5,506 Missourians died compared with 5,604 in March 2017. However, deaths increased for the 3- and 12-month periods ending with March. For January-March, there were 17,570 Missouri resident deaths compared with 16,946 for the similar time period in 2017.

The **Natural Increase** in March for Missourians was 494 (6,000 births minus 5,506 deaths). The natural increase declined for both the 3- and 12-month periods ending with March. For the 3 months ending with March, the natural increase was actually a decrease as deaths out-numbered births by 64.

Marriages decreased for all three time periods shown below. For the cumulative 12 months ending with March, marriages decreased by 5 percent from 42,003 to 39,901.

Dissolutions of Marriage also decreased for all three time periods. For January-March, dissolutions decreased from 4,618 to 4,331. For the 12 months ending with March, the marriage to divorce ratio increased slightly from 2.10 to 2.11.

Infant Deaths decreased slightly in March as 34 Missouri infants died compared with 36 in March of 2017. For the 12 months ending with March, the infant death rate decreased from 6.4 to 6.2 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>March</u>				<u>Jan. — March Cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with March</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Live Births	6,011	6,000	11.6	11.5	17,321	17,506	11.5	11.6	73,829	73,202	12.3	12.1	12.0
Deaths	5,604	5,506	10.8	10.6	16,946	17,570	11.2	11.6	61,352	62,491	9.7	10.1	10.2
Natural increase	407	494	0.8	0.9	375	-64	0.2	0.0	12,477	10,711	2.7	2.0	1.8
Marriages	2,653	2,569	5.1	4.9	6,071	5,656	4.0	3.7	42,003	39,901	6.8	6.9	6.5
Dissolutions	1,729	1,572	3.3	3.0	4,618	4,331	3.1	2.9	19,976	18,900	3.2	3.3	3.1
Infant deaths	36	34	6.0	5.7	107	104	6.2	5.9	469	453	6.5	6.4	6.2
Population base (in thousands)	....	....	6,114	6,130	....	....	6,114	6,130	....	....	6,078	6,097	6,118

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1,000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. Beginning with provisional July 2006 data numbers and rates are based on month of event rather than month of report. This will result in a delay in reporting, but will more accurately reflect current trends.

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